

6 September 2017

## Principals Report

### PREP ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2018:

Please encourage anyone you know with Prep aged children to collect enrolment forms from the office as soon as possible.

We already have 28 students 'enrolled' in Prep for next year. Getting our enrolments completed early will help with staff planning for the Prep classes.

If we happened to have enough Prep enrolments to start a third class next year, we would need time to organise a suitable room and resourcing for this. Early notice of your intention to enrol would greatly help.

### ALL ENROLMENTS OPEN:

As well as Prep we are also taking enrolments for all other year levels in 2018. Please pass this advice on to anyone you may know who has students to enrol.

### ATTENDANCE CONCERNS:

We are experiencing a significant dip in the attendance of many of our students. Our current attendance rate for the whole school has dropped to 88.9%.

While I acknowledge that the flu season has been bad this year we need students in front of their teachers as often as possible.

It is well known that regular daily attendance at school is necessary for students to be successful learners.

Please make sure that your child is attending every day. We will be contacting the families of some of our most regular absentees to work out a solution to this issue.

### PARADE OF EXCELLENCE:

The final parade of the term (on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September) will be our "Parade of Excellence". On that parade we will be rewarding the top students from each class in a variety of areas including attendance.

I apologise if I caused any confusion to parents when I announced last week that this Friday would be the parade of excellence – I was getting ahead of myself.

### RACQ VISITS:

On Tuesday this week we started four days of classes working with local RACQ educators. These people are working with each of our 16 classes on areas such as road safety, bike safety and safe travel tips.

We sincerely thank the RACQ for visiting Allies to pass on these key messages to the students.

### DRUMMING MATILDA:

It's not too late to give your child a once in a year experience – Drumming Matilda is an energetic and entertaining opportunity for students to learn some drumming skills in a totally fun experience.

Liesl is providing Allies students with a great opportunity (and lower than usual price) to engage with her and her husband in Drumming Matilda.

The workshop is on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September** at a cost of **\$3.50 per student**. Please get your payments and permission slips back **no later than Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September**. All students who attend will get a drum to play personally – no sharing is expected.

### YEAR 5 & 6 SPORTS CHOICES:

The Year 5 & 6 students should have returned their final Interschool sports season choices for next term.

I need to make sure that we enter the correct number of team so that our students get the sports choice that they prefer. Please return these urgently so that I can finalise our teams.

## Other News

### YEAR 6 CAMP

The final cost for the Year 6 Camp after fundraising is **\$390.00**. Final payment needs to be made to the office no later than **15 September 2017** for your child to attend camp. An information session for parents will be held in the library on 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm to discuss any queries you may have about camp.

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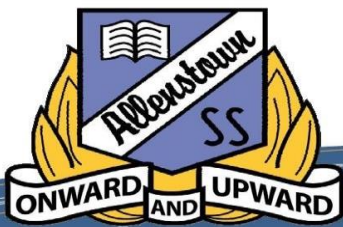
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We are still waiting on a few minor details to finalise the costing for the Year 5 Camp. As soon as we have received all the information we will let you know.



### **ALLIES SUCCESS:**

**Larson Dale-Doyle** is another successful past student of Allenstown State School. He was part of many Allenstown State School Sporting Teams which saw the school win many trophies during his time here. He was Player of the Match in the Rugby League Grand Final two years in a row and was also awarded Player of the Year. Larson held the position of School Leader in his final year at Allenstown State School.

He considers his supreme talents - a Queensland representative in Rugby League, Rugby Union and Oz tag - merely as a blessing.

The 15-year-old is grateful of his God-given ability, but wants to do more with it than just set alight the various sporting fields around Rockhampton and the nation. He is a young, proud indigenous student on the rise and he wants to lead the way forward for others to follow. He watches Johnathan Thurston and Greg Inglis in awe. Not only for their weekly plays of brilliance but their random acts of kindness too.

### Larson's feats

- Club Falcons camp on Sunshine Coast
- Shadow rep for QLD team and was called up
- Union shadow QLD team
- QLD merit Oz tag team
- Capricornia RL team
- QLD White team
- Capricornia and QLD RU team
- QLD merit Oz tag team
- Broncos, Cowboys and Capras academy

"I want to be a bit of a role model for the younger kids coming through," Larson said. "To see them achieve great things would be nice. I know some of the boys from out in the communities struggle in school and I want to see them improve. It is earned through hard work and a lot of sacrifices have to be made. Nothing is just handed to you on a platter."



Please help Allenstown State School earn amazing resources through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program by collecting stickers when you shop and place them in the box at **Woolworths Allenstown** or **drop them into the school office**.

**The competition runs until the end of this term but it's important to have the stickers by the last day so they can be tallied and sent.** Thank you for helping to make this a great fundraising event.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

If your child has lost an item, please check Lost Property situated downstairs in A Block. If items are not collected by the last day of this term, anything left in Lost Property will be donated to charity.

### **RACQ – "Streets Ahead"**



This week, the RACQ Road Safety Education program "Streets Ahead" is visiting our classes, teaching us how to be safe pedestrians, passengers and bike riders. For videos explaining the content in the RACQ program, please scan the codes below using a smartphone or go to the website [www.racq.com](http://www.racq.com)



[Crossing the Road](#)



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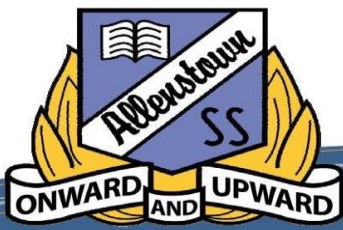
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# NEWSLETTER



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Sept **8** 2017

Friday

## TRIVIA NIGHT

FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY

WHERE: MIKE MAHER CENTRE @ GLENMORE HIGH SCHOOL  
FARM ST

WHEN: FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2017

TIME: 6PM SAUSAGE SIZZLE - 6:30PM TRIVIA STARTS

COST: \$10 PER PERSON - 8 MAX PER TABLE



Bookings essential!  
To book a table contact James  
text: 0409384392  
Email: [jamesh2@chappy.org.au](mailto:jamesh2@chappy.org.au)

September						
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

### Community News



Beak's Tennis Holiday Programs and Term 4 coaching spaces available. Phone 0419026963 or message us on Facebook for more information.



If you are interested in receiving \$500 in matched savings, please contact

Kathy Connaughton - Saver Plus Coordinator

0408 490 984 or 49248125

Email - [kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au)



Upcoming Events		
DATE	DETAILS	VENUE
Every Monday	Step into Prep 9-11am	Prep Building
Every Thursday	Prep Transition 12-2.30pm	Prep Building
Every Thursday	Playgroup 8.45am -10.45am	Allenstown SS Hall
14 Sep	Drumming Matilda	Allenstown SS Hall
<b>15 Sep</b>	<b>Parade of Excellence</b>	<b>Allenstown SS Hall</b>
15 Sep (Fri)	Last day of Term 3	Allenstown SS
2 Oct (Mon)	Public Holiday	Allenstown SS
3 Oct (Tue)	Term 4 Commences	Allenstown SS
4 Oct	"Diary of a Wombat" 2A; 2B; 2/3C only	Pilbeam Theatre
11 Oct	Year 6 Camp Parent Meeting 7pm	Allenstown Library
6 -10 November	Year 5 School Camp (approx. \$310)	Balance by 27/10/17
13 -17 November	Year 6 School Camp <b>(\$390)</b>	<b>Balance by 15/09/17</b>

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